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EDUCATION 2014-2017 MFA in Costume Design and Technology for Theatre, TV and Film, San Diego State University

2001-2005 BA in Technical Theater, major in Technical Theatre, minor in studio art, Sonoma State University

PUPPET, COSTUME CONSTRUCTION and RELATED TECHNOLOGY (selected)

miniature figure design and sculpt for a Historic Circus model project David L Hammerstrom, Oakland CA 2020 2019 fabric sea creature fabrication for an educational program for an West Coast aquarium Images in Motion, Sonoma 2018 special effect for a finale dress of the fashion show MOSCHINO, Milan Italy residential Artist for seasonal interior design, craft artisan 2017 Japanese restaurant Fukusuke, Larkspur CA 2017 customized puppet design/fabrication for a national cat show the Martinos VivaTonk, San Diego 2017 costume design/construction for stilt walkers for corporate events, **Background Productions, San Diego** 2014 costume/craft artisan, Kimono upcycling project for Christmas markets Berlin

THEATRE COSTUME and PUPPET DESIGN (selected)

2019	The Fasting Girls	dir. Alexis Macnab	Z Below, San Francisco
2016	Momo the Time Titan	dir. John McManus, Nathaniel Williams	Free Columbia Puppet Program, NY
2016	The Big Friendly Giant	dir. Margaret Larlham	Don Powell Theater, San Diego

COSTUME DESIGN (selected)

2016	Requiem for an Ocean	choreo. Jean Isaacs	Saville Theatre, San Diego
2015	Become Ocean, San Diego Trolley Dance	choreo. Jean Isaacs	San Diego Trolley Dance, Balboa Park
2015	Dr.Faustus Lights the Lights	dir. Peter Cirino	Don Powell Theater, San Diego
2015	Fukuoka Horror House Project	dir. Nobuyuki Gomi	Beppu Kon-yoku Art Triennale, Fukuoka
2014	Fukuoka Horror House Project	dir. Nobuyuki Gomi	Reizensou, Fukuoka
2013	Art collective event Fog	choreo. Daisuke Yamamoto	Black out, Fukuoka

EXHIBITION

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2019	selected Exhibition Artist at Mill Valley Fall Art Festival, Mill Valley
2017	Yokai, Demons and Monsters in Japanese Folklore Exhibition selected 3D artist, Japanese Friendship Garden, SD
2014	Fabric Artist's Exhibition organizer and selected residential artist, Art Space Tetra, Fukuoka

## ASSISTANT DESIGN

2016	Assistant Puppet Master,	Christmas Carol,	a tour show	program	Cygnet Theatre, San Diego CA
2015	Associate Costume Design	, Emma, Little Shop	o of Horror	Santa	Rosa Junior College Summer Rep Theater, CA
2014	Assistant Costume Design,	Water by Spoonfu	ıl		San Diego State University, CA

#### **PERFORMANCE ART in Interdisciplinary Puppetry** (selected, as Artistic Director / performer)

2018	Shilo Kloko	Hollywood Fringe Festival 2018 Scholarship and Award winner
2018	Behind Shadows	supported and co-produced by Highways Performance Space, Santa Monica
2018	Behind Shadows	selected presenter at Pacific Southwest Puppet Festival, Santa Barbara
2017	Land of No Shadows	invited performer at the Last Night of The Steve Allen Theatre, Hollywood
2017	Unexpected Mirror	w/ animators Walter Santucci, Yoriko Murakami, Steve Allen Theatre LA, MHP Theatre SD

## TEACHING WORK EXPERIENCE

2019	Puppet Workshop Instructor for a Children's Summer Program at 2727 California Art Center, Berkeley	
2018	Program Coordinator/Teaching Artist, Sewing, craft and puppet making, NPO The Planet Kids Center, Sausalito	
2017-2018	Teaching Artist,10wks Creative Movement+Puppet for students with special needs, NPO Youth in Arts, San Rafael	
2017	Teaching Assistant at 12wks Puppetry Residency Program for 2 nd grade classes, Nye Elementary School, San Diego	
2017	Edo Marionette San Diego Tour translator at Balboa Park Japanese Friendship Garden, San Diego	
2007-2014	English-Japanese Translator/interpreter Tokyo Contact Improvisation Festival 2007, NPO Science Accesibility Net	

ACHIEVEMENT/ AWARDS 2018 US O-visa, Individuals with Extraordinary Ability or Achievement as a Puppet Maker

- 2018 Hollywood Fringe Festival 2018 Scholarship Winner (artistic director/puppeteer)
- 2018 Review, The Essence of Fringe Award and PLATINUM rated for Hollywood Fringe Festival work by TVolution
- Highways Performance Space co-producing project recipient (artistic director/puppeteer) 2018
- Outstanding Graduating MFA Design of 2016-2017 San Diego State University 2017
- Scholarship for Chicago International Puppet Festival Intensive Program from the Festival, San Diego Guild of Puppetry 2017
- 2016 Outstanding Design in Costume 2015-2016 San Diego State University

SKILLS

Hand/machine sewing, mixed media craftwork, paint/dye, sculpture, puppet design and fabrication, life drawing, watercolor, pencil, ink, Fluent in Japanese, chinese brush caligraphy